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SUBJECT: INDICATIONS OF SOVIET MOVE TOWARDS CHANGE IN EXTENDED
FISHERIES JURISDICTION

1. DEPT. MAY ALREADY HAVE RECEIVED INDICATIONS FROM
SOVIET UNION, OR OTHERS, OF SOVIET INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT
TO EXTENDED FISHERIES JURISDICTION. THE FOLLOWING REPORTS
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WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM DELEGATIONS HERE SUGGEST THAT

SOMETHING IS AFOOT.

2 VOLKOV (USSR ICNAF DELEGATE) WHILE ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION WITH TWO U.S. ICNAF REPS IN FIRST DAYS OF ICNAF MEETING GAVE INDICATIONS THAT SOVIET UNION MAY MOVE TO EXTENDED FISHERIES JURISDICTION BY JANUARY 1, 1977.

3. WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD HEARD ANYTHING OF SOVIET INTENTIONS, YONEZAWA OF JAPAN SAID IN FACT "JAPAN KNOWS ALL ABOUT IT" AND HAD BEEN IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS. YONEZAWA DID NOT PROVIDE DETAILS OF WHAT JAPAN MIGHT KNOW OF SOVIET INTENTIONS. HE MERELY IMPLIED THAT WHAT WE HAD LEARNED WAS OLD HAT TO THE JAPANESE.

4. FINALLY, ANDERS (HEAD OF POLISH DELEGATION) TOLD U.S. REPS EVENING OF DECEMBER 4 THAT SOVIETS HAD DELIVERED NOT IN WARSAW ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2 DESCRIBING AREAS WHICH SOVIETS INTENDED TO MAKE "PROTECTED ZONES" IN ANTICIPATION OF A DIVERSION OF FISHING EFFORT AS THE EC MOVES TO EXTENDED FISHERIES JURISDICTION. WHEN ASKED WHEN HE THOUGH THE SOVIETS INTENDED TO MOVE, HE SAID "WITHIN TWO OR THREE WEEKS." ANDERS DID NOT RECALL EXACTLY WHETHER SOVIET NOTE REFERS TO ZONES OR AREAS. HE DID RECALL THAT IT DID NOT ESTABLISH A COMPLETE ZONE OFF THE COAST OF THE SOVIET UNION BUT ATTEMPTED TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SPECIFIC FISHING AREAS. HE ANDERS) EXPECTED THAT THERE WOULD BE A PROTECTED AREA FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THE BARENTS SEA.

5. COMMENT: SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN ICNAF SESSION IS CHARACTERIZED BY AN ACCEPTANCE OF EXTENDED COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION, IN THIS CASE SPECIFICALLY, THE JURISDICTIONS OF CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES. SOME MORE EXPERIENCED IN ICNAF THAN OFFICIAL US DEL REPORT THAT IN THE PAST WHEN USSR WAS PREPARED TO BE ACCOMMODATING, OR WAS GOING TO CHANGE ITS POSITION, CONFIDENTIAL

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IT DID NOT HAVE VICE MINISTER KAMENTSEV HEAD THE DELEGATION. KAMENTSEV, WITH WHOM WE SPOKE IN WASHINGTON IN THE COURSE OF THE USZLNAL, HAD AT THAT TIME INTENDED TO ARRIVE AT THIS ICNAF MEETING BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3. IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL NOT ATTEND THE MEETING AND VOLKOV HAS TAKEN THE CHAIR. END COMMENT.

6. WE WOULD ANYTHING ON THIS ISSUE THAT WOULD BE
OF HELP TO US HERE. STABLER UNQTE ROBINSON

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